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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, UX, UN

SUBJECT: REPLY TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

1. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM ME TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM (WALDHEIM ARRIVED
IN TEHRAN FROM ANKARA JANUARY 10).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR KURT:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO TELEPHONE ME
THIS MORNING. AS I TOLD YOU I WOULD, I HAVE GIVEN SOME
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CAREFUL THOUGHT TO OUR CONVERSATION TODAY AS WELL AS TO
THE POINTS WHICH YOU MAKE IN YOUR LETTER. I UNDERSTAND
FULLY THE CONCERNS YOU EXPRESS, AND I BY NO MEANS WISH TO
APPEAR TO BE MINIMIZING THE COMPLEX TASK YOU ARE CONSTANTLY
FACED WITH IN MAINTAINING A BROAD CONSENSUS WITHIN THE
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ACTIONS YOU TAKE. NEVERTHELESS, I AM
WRITING TO YOU IN THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL RECONSIDER AND

AGREE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE JERUSALEM TALKS.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO ATTEND THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN JERUSALEM. BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND I DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UN TO BE REPRESENTED IN SOME CAPACITY AT THOSE TALKS IN VIEW OF THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO YOU FROM BOTH NEGOTIATING PARTIES. I BELIEVE A FAILURE TO ATTEND, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE UN'S ATTENDANCE AT THE RECENT CAIRO CONFERENCE, WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A CHANGE IN POLICY AND FOR THIS REASON IN PARTICULAR CONSTITUTE A SET-BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. YOUR DECISION IN THE CASE OF CAIRO WAS WIDELY APPLAUDED; A FAILURE TO ATTEND JERUSALEM WOULD BE HARD TO JUSTIFY PUBLICLY AND WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A CRITICISM OF THE PROCESS PRESIDENT SADAT HAS INITIATED.

AS I INDICATED TO YOU EARLIER IN OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS A DIRECT OFF-SPRING OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE. ITS RAISON D'ETRE, NO LESS THAN THAT OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, IS PREPARATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO GENEVA.

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FOR THESE REASONS BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RECONSIDER AND SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JERUSALEM TALKS. NOT TO DO SO, I SINCERELY BELIEVE, WOULD BE SEEN BY SADAT AS A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AND

MORE BROADLY, WOULD BE A BLOW TO THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS.

I MOST APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US ON YOUR TALKS ON THE
CYPRUS SITUATION AND AM DELIGHTED TO HEAR YOU DERIVE SOME
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOUR CONVERSATIONS IN ANKARA.

WITH MY WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, CY. END TEXT. VANCE

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